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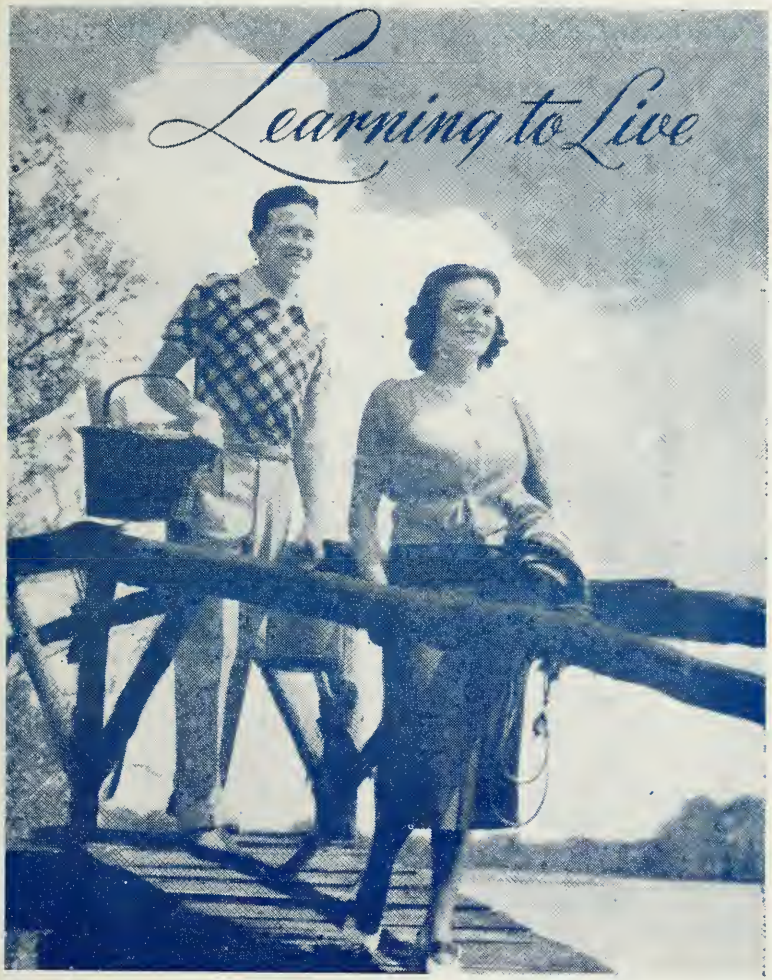

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POETRY

LETTY'S GLOBE

When Letty had scarce pass'd her third glad year,
And her young artless words began to flow,
One day we gave the child a colour'd sphere
Of the wide earth, that she might mark and know,
By tint and outline, all its sea and land.
She patted all the world; old empires peep'd
Between her baby fingers; her soft hand
Was welcome at all frontiers. How she leap'd,
And laughed and prattled in her world-wide bliss;
But when we turned her sweet unlearned eye
On our own isle, she raised a joyous cry—
"Oh! yes, I see it, Letty's home is there!"
And while she hid all England with a kiss,
Bright over Europe fell her golden hair.

—Charles Tennyson Turner.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

If a man stops to ponder over his physical or moral condition he usually discovers that he is ill.

—Goethe.

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For although a man have many revelations, and have power to do many mighty works, yet if he boasts in his own strength and sets at nought the counsels of God, and follows after the dictates of his own will and carnal desires, he must fall and incur the vengeance of a just God upon him.

—Doctrine and Covenants 3: 4.

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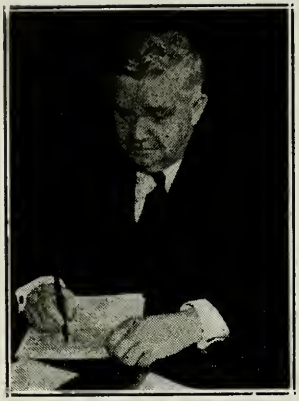
THIS WEEK'S COVER—SEE EDITORIAL.

Set Your House In Order

REMARKS DURING THE FIRST SESSION OF THE 112TH SEMI-ANNUAL GENERAL CONFERENCE OCTOBER, 1941

By President J. Reuben Clark, Jr.



J. Reuben Clark, Jr.

MY brothers and sisters: In common with you, I have been inpsired and made grateful by the message which has been delivered by President Heber J. Grant, the representative of God on this earth. May we hearken to what he has said, may we obey his counsel in all things. I know him to be a righteous man, a man whom God loves, and to whom God reveals His mind and His will, and this is my testimony to you and to the world. May God spare him yet many years to guide and direct this people.

We come here today, my brethren and sisters, all of us with faith, we hope with testimony. We come here in the hope that the Lord will inspire those who speak to us, so to speak that we may gain strength, increased knowledge, that our testimonies will be intensified and made stronger, to the end always that we may be able to live the Gospel and enjoy its blessings. We all know how we ought to live, I do not need to tell you about that, but I do need to exhort myself and to exhort you to live as we know we ought to live.

SEES PERILOUS TIMES

I have in the past, for the last eight years, talked about the perilous times that were coming, and now about the perilous time that we are in. I do not intend to go over that ground again, but I do call your attention to the fact that we urge upon you thrift, economy, getting out of debt, and keeping out of debt. We have told you about the bad effects of interest; we have told you about the war prosperity, and the depression which is to come. All that has been said in the past, all that I have said, I want to incorporate here by reference. We said these things when it was unpopular to say them, when we were thought to be going against the course we should go, but now everybody is talking about these things, and we do hope that the people will realize that, after all, the old virtues are the sound ones, the old virtues are the things upon which we must build.

I have also talked about our participation in the war, and I told you years ago that there was to be an effort to take our boys across the water. You do not need to have any doubt about it now, I suppose. It is not only being sought for on

the other side, but it is being planned for on this side.

I have also spoken about what I will call commodity insurance, remembering that sometime you may be ill, that sometime you may be thrown out of employment, sometime you may have death in your homes; remembering that your crops may sometimes fail. We have urged you to get enough material together so that you would have some insurance against those conditions. I am talking about foodstuffs and the things that are necessary in our living. I renew that suggestion.

AGAINST COMMUNISM

I have been preaching against Communism for twenty years. I still warn you against it, and I tell you that we are drifting toward it more rapidly than some of us understand, and I tell you that when Communism comes, the ownership of the things which are necessary to feed your families is going to be taken away from us. I tell you freedom of speech will go, freedom of the press will go, and freedom of religion will go.

I have warned you against propaganda and hate. We are in the midst of the greatest exhibition of propaganda that the world has ever seen, and all directed toward one end. Just do not believe all you read.

THE LORD'S WORD

The First Presidency was organized in March of 1833. In May of that year the Lord gave a revelation to the Prophet, and I am going to read a few verses from that revelation, because I think the instructions and the admonition and the command here given are of the last and ultimate importance today.

"But I have commanded you to bring up your children in light and truth.

"But verily I say unto you, my servants Frederick G. Williams, you have continued under this condemnation;

"You have not taught your children light and truth, according to the commandments; and that wicked one hath power, as yet, over you, and this is the cause of your affliction."

I am reading from the 93rd Section of the Doctrine and Covenants:

"And now a commandment I give unto you—if you will be delivered you shall set in order your own house, for there are many things that are not right in your house.

"Verily, I say unto my servant Sidney Rigdon, that in some things he has not kept the commandments concerning his children; therefore, first set in order your house.

"Verily, I say unto my servant Joseph Smith, Junior, or in other words, I will call you friends, for you are my friends, and ye shall have an inheritance with me—

I called you servants for the world's sake, and ye are their servants for my sake—

"And now, verily I say unto Joseph Smith, Junior,—you have not kept the commandments, and must needs stand rebuked before the Lord;

"Your family must needs repent and forsake some things, and give more earnest heed unto your sayings, or be removed out of their place.

"What I say unto one I say unto all; pray always lest that wicked one have power in you, and remove you out of your place.

"My servant Newel K. Whitney also, a bishop in my Church, hath need to be chastened, and set in order his family, and see that they are more diligent and concerned at home, and pray always, or they shall be removed out of their place."

NEED OF THE CHURCH

Now, as I see it, my brethren and sisters, that is the crying need of the Church today. We must set in order our own houses, we must see that our children are properly taught; they must understand what the commandments of the Lord are, and we shall not have our skirts clear if we do not do all that is in our power, not alone by precept, but by example, in bringing them to live according to the principles of the Gospel. In no other way can salvation and exaltation come, and our troubles will be great, even as the Lord told the First Presidency over a hundred years ago, our troubles will be great if we fail in teaching our children properly. We are coming too much to the point where we condone sin instead of forgiving the repentant sinner, and there is a great difference between those two things. The Lord has said He cannot look upon sin with the least degree of allowance, and yet He has proclaimed time and time again His willingness to extend mercy, to extend forgiveness, to receive back that person who, sinning, has sincerely repented, and by this ye shall know that they have repented, namely, that they confess their sins and forsake them.

It is becoming a practice today to try to coax, cajole, buy children to be good. We hesitate, some of us, to say to children, you must not do this, you must not do that, and to our young people we hesitate to do this, because we may offend them. The Lord has made it perfectly clear, from Adam until now, and has told us in no unmistaken words, that there are certain things "thou shalt not" do. Adam fell because he violated one "Thou shalt not." Moses from Sinai gave a whole series of commandments, only one of which has not "Thou shalt not" in it.

HUNGER FOR GOSPEL

My brethren and sisters, our young people welcome, they expect that we shall tell them what to do and what not to do, and what not to do must be told them in such language, in such terms, and with such emphasis that they are not left in doubt. Try this on your young people and you will be amazed at the response you will get. They are hungering for the Gospel. See to it that we do not starve them; they must be fed.

May the Lord bless you. May He bless all of us. May He increase our faith, our testimony. May He give us all of the things that we need spiriually and temporally, so that we can perform our duties, so that we can set our houses in order, so that we can save our children, for their sakes, for our own sakes, because otherwise the Lord will not bless us, I ask in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

We Are Obliged To Present The Truth

By Elder George A. Spencer

Of the Royal Canadian Artillery

READERS will remember, in the Canadian issue of the "Star," an article describing the efforts of this brother in connection with Book of Mormon sales. We have talked a lot since that time and I asked recently if he would like to write an article embodying some first-hand advice on this pertinent matter. Here it is.—Ed.

WE that are blessed with the fulness of the Gospel are obliged to present the truth to those not having it. Every neglect of our opportunities will subtract just that much from our salvation. If we fail to co-operate with our fellow workers, we not only lose our efforts but hinder theire. Co-operation, more than all other factors combined, has enabled me to make use of the Book of Mormon.

Before Bible or Book of Mormon times, people joined the True Church. To this day they can be converted without being able to read. Brother Rioux, a faithful New Hampshire Saint, was, at one time, what one would call an Atheist. One day he saw the Elders preaching on the street, and he said, "They are members of the True Church."

They taught him to read and he joined the Church. He read the Book of Mormon and was reading a Bible I left with him when we parted. He achieved what all earnest seekers after truth do by investigating and progressing. Again I would stress that he was converted without study; but most converts I believe result from study.

If you are not gifted in some of the finer arts, if you are an ordinary person similar to myself, then you will try to interest those you come into contact with by getting them to study. You may be in the position I am in, or a similar one. I do not dare go around preaching continually, for the more I preached, the less honest attention would be given to what I said. For this reason I carry with me what often causes interest. The interesting item is a card with the Articles of Faith on one side and a picture of the Temple and Tabernacle at Salt Lake City on the other. Whenever a discussion of my living habits arises, I present these cards. When people show me kindness, I give them a card. If asked about the card, I describe the world-famous Tabernacle. This often leads to a discussion of the Articles of Faith, although any of the three items on the card I have mentioned can easily cause a person to investigate. Then, if the person has not had the privilege of reading the Book of Mormon, I offer to loan one. Sometimes they insist on buying one, but I always try to prevent this, for if a book be given or sold, it often remains on the shelf unread. Where people have been kind to me, my only chance to show my appreciation was to give them a Book of Mormon. I know some cases where this book has been turned over to the Parish Priest and other cases where it has been read

by the family to whom it was given. I have also seen its reading followed by the reading of other Church works, but the ideal way is to loan the book. The book is often read just to be able to return it, but if, after reading it, the party wishes to purchase the book, the sale then is proper. If it cannot be avoided, it might have to be sold instead of loaned, but if it is, the chances are less that it will be read. **It is the reading and not the sale of the book that counts.**

Realising that my testimony will have no more effect upon them than others' testimonies have upon me, I read to them if possible the testimony of the Witnesses. True, I do at times give my testimony, for certain people can interest me in theirs, but as I have no testimony to compare to that of the Witnesses, I only bear my testimony to non-members when required.

By far the greater part of my talk with non-members deals with conditions. The beauties of districts or famous buildings are often pointed out to me. I become impressed with the people and leave the Book of Mormon to impress them.

I have yet to meet the soldier that has, with my amount of leave, gone as far on the bus or in the train or walked as far, or has obtained so many rides on the highway. I often give the impression that the highway is about the only one used, for it is the beauties of these trips I usually talk about. The long walks, or train or bus trips, do not form the topic for conversation that the kind public on the highway does. Moreover, I have placed more books with friends and relatives than in any other way; the highway has been responsible for at least a quarter of the books placed, and the most outstanding experiences have been there. I have used the highway enough to give the wise soldier a tip on this method of travel. Of course, if your purpose if different, the method is also different, but if you have prayed earnestly to be picked up by the honest in heart, it is surprising how many times you will be picked up by just looking at the car. At other times you might find it necessary to point in the direction you are going and in the dark you may use some device for being seen; but never use the thumb in the middle of the road. So disgusted have I been, that I never use the thumb at all. I follow a former Mission President's advice: Aim to let them know where you are going without trying to stop them; attempts to obstruct traffic puts the driver in a mood that would not be in harmony with the Gospel. Give the driver every consideration. After being picked up, at a favourable moment give him a card. Then let him do the talking or asking of questions. Either say nothing, or talk when questioned. Never, after the person has kindly given you a lift, use the time to bore the host with your talk. Listen to the ideas of others without confirming them unless they are true, but do not try to force your ideas on them. Don't, unless forced by honesty, give your opinion. Very often you can persuade them to read the Book of Mormon, promising a discussion of difference afterwards. But above all, be prompt in delivering the book, remembering that your first chance is often your last. Try to get the party to read some of the book before others have had time to interfere.

Plan For Memorizing The Articles Of Faith

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God—	1.	We believe in **God** the Eternal Father, and in His Son, Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Ghost.
Men—	2.	We believe that **men** will be punished for their own sins, and not for Adam's transgression.
Mankind—	3.	We believe that, through the Atonement of Christ, all **mankind** may be saved, by obedience to the laws and ordinances of the Gospel.
4 Principles—	4.	We believe that the first **principles** and ordinances of the Gospel are: first, Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; second, Repentance; third, Baptism by immersion for the remission of sins; fourth, laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost.
Hands—	5.	We believe that a man must be called of God, by prophecy, and by the laying on of **hands**, by those who are in authority to preach the Gospel and administer in the ordinances thereof.
6th of April—	6.	We believe in the same **organization** that existed in the Primitive Church; namely, apostles, prophets, pastors, teachers, evangelists, etc.
7 Tongues—	7.	We believe in the gift of **tongues**, prophecy, revelation, visions, healing interpretaton of tongues, etc.
Translate—	8.	We believe the **Bible** to be the word of God as far as it is **translated** correctly; we also believe the **Book of Mormon** to be the word of God.
Divine—	9.	We believe all that God has **revealed**, all that He does now reveal, and we believe that He will yet reveal many great and important things pertaining to the Kingdom of God.
10 Tribes—	10.	We believe in the literal gathering of Israel and in the restoration of the **Ten Tribes**; that Zion will be built upon the American continent; that Christ will reign personally upon the earth; and, that the earth will be renewed and receive its paradisical glory.
Odd One—	11.	**We claim** the privilege of worshiping Almighty God according to the dictates of our own conscience, and allow all men the same privilege, let them worship how, where, or what they may.
12th Kings—	12.	We believe in being subject to **kings**, presidents, rulers, and magistrates, in obeying, honouring, and sustaining the law.
13th Cor.—	13.	We believe in being honest, true, chaste, benevolent, virtuous, and in doing good to all men; indeed, we may say that we follow the **admonition of Paul—We believe all things, we hope all things**, we have endured many things, and hope to be able to endure all things. If there is anything virtuous, lovely, or of good report or praiseworthy, we seek after these things.—Joseph Smith.

NOTES

The first article refers to God.
The second article refers to men.
The third article refers to mankind. In memorizing these first three we remember that God is first, men second, and mankind third, in order.
The fourth article refers to the first four principles of the Gospel.
The fifth article refers to "laying on of hands." Hands suggests five fingers.
The sixth article refers to organization and is suggestive of the 6th of April, the date on which the Church was organized.
The seventh article refers to tongues; being plural, we say seven tongues.
Number eight rhymes with translate. (Eight witnesses.)
Number nine rhymes with divine—revelations.
The tenth article refers to the ten tribes.
The eleventh article we remember as the odd one and commences with, "We claim," et cetera.
The twelfth article refers to kings, Kings being plural, we say, twelve kings.
The thirteenth article refers to a passage in the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians.

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EDITORIAL

Our Own Pen Friendship League

LOOK at the picture on the cover of this issue again. Study it. Reflect upon it.

Not long ago our Pen Friendship League was introduced to the members of the Church in the British Mission—an expedient, peculiar, perhaps, to the needs of our members in this country. Its beginning was uncertain, but the idea behind it—to bring together the scattered youth of our Church—was clear, definite and very urgent, especially in the present circumstances with so many of our young people serving the country.

To say that Latter-day Saints should marry in their own faith is very easy; to fulfil this saying, nay, this command of God, requires a great deal of thought, prayer and even effort.

The recent articles on the pages of this publication from the pen of the First Presidency and some General Authorities, as well as utterings of your own Mission President, have left in the minds of all of us a definite understanding that our young people should marry the members of their own faith.

In a recent conversation with a District President, the writer learned something that was a great shock to him. Out of about forty-five members who have married out of the Church, only one, a Sister, occasionally comes to meetings. Our Missionaries have made repeated visits to these "lost" members, and what is the result? "We don't want you to come again; we have nothing to do with the Church now," and the door was firmly closed against them—I hope not for ever. "Please do not come to visit me, my husband objects." "Shall we take your children to our Sunday School?" "He will not let them go." What a tragedy! In the light of the covenant this or that Sister or Brother has made with the Lord at the waters of Baptism, their state is pitiful, their future life and exaltation is marred if not lost. "I'll come sometime; I must keep peace at home." One out of forty-five.

Of course, there are exceptions. I know some of our Sisters who taught their, then future, husbands the principles of the Restored Gospel, and now they are happily married, their husbands active in the Church, most of whom have been ordained in the Priesthood.

I received a letter from a great friend of ours who has married a non-member:

"Recently you have written on Latter-day Saints marrying out of the Church, in fact there have been several articles on this theme in the 'Star.' You may guess that I weighed this matter very, very carefully before getting married and I judged that A. was too fine and sweet a character not to become a Mormon. She is very receptive. I have not pressed her since we got married. She has read several authoritative Church books and we have talked occasionally. The other day A. asked me whether we could

read the Book of Mormon together. We say our prayers together and A. takes her turn in the lead too. You may be sure that it will be a happy day when A. is baptised. I might add that we are both very happy indeed and our affection just increases with each succeeding day. A similarity in tastes and ideas means a great deal to us. I am enclosing a cheque for ——— which A. and I have estimated as being due as tithing. I have allocated to A. the task of seeing that I pay my tithing."

I have every reason to believe that this Brother will lead his wife to the waters of Baptism. But the majority of Sisters with lesser opportunities in life, with the elementary knowledge of the Gospel, cannot lead their husbands to Baptism; hence the tragedies we see all around us. How anxious then we seniors should be to see that our children are happily married within their own faith.

Our L.D.S. Pen Friendship League is a success. The young people of the Church are thrilled with the idea. Parents should read the letters published in the "Star." Our young Brothers and Sisters want to live, to love, to share and do their part in life. We must help them, we must be their intimate friends; try to understand their problems, ambitions and desires. With your help they will heed the pleas of the Church Authorities.

We had one or two sceptics in our midst who looked very critically upon this project and, of course, upon the champions of youth: but since the response has been so splendid and the enthusiasm of our members in the Forces and at home so great, we hope our sceptics will join the League. One Sister wrote to say: "It's a splendid idea, unfortunately twenty years too late for me."

The faith we have in our young Brothers and Sisters has been fully justified. This youth of Zion, the pure in heart, inspired by the refining influences of Mormonism, are writing beautiful, inspiring letters to our brethren in the Forces, and vice versa.

"Since my name appeared in the 'Star' I have received letters from many Sisters in Britain. There are some wonderful L.D.S. girls over here; their thoughts are beautiful and inspiring." This Canadian fellow-member called them "divine."

"I also have a Pen friend, and we have some interesting times, exchanging ideas and asking questions. We are able to help each other a lot, at least she has helped me."

The boys will come home from the war, the Sisters will return from war work and services, and will meet their pen friends. Some will go to Canada and America. The old folks at home will shed tears in parting, but happy indeed to see their companions not only in the bonds of love and affection, but joined in matrimony by the Priesthood of the Church authorized by "prophecy and by the laying on of hands" to bind on earth that "which will be bound in Heaven."

In conclusion, let me say that the Pen Friendship League in our Church in this country is a very great and genuine help to our youth, to whom I wish to put this question: Do you remember what happened to the fair and beautiful daughters of the sons of Noah who married the sons of men (and not the sons of God)? The anger of the Lord was kindled against them. Why? Because they lost the honour and the right to bring through their loins choice seed unto God, through whom He promised to Enoch His Priesthood should always remain upon the earth.

—ANDRE K. ANASTASIOU.

Voices From The Dust

By Elder Cecil E. McGavin

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Cecil E. McGavin

THE Book of Mormon is a record of three colonies brought from the old world to the new, under the direction of our Heavenly Father. The first immigrants to be divinely guided to the American continent were known as the Jaredites. This vanguard of pioneers whose history was destined to be revealed in the Book of Mormon, lived in Babylonia at the time the great Tower of Babel was being built. The time was about 2,200 years before the birth of Christ.

There was a righteous man in that community to whom the Lord spoke as He had spoken to other faithful men before and as He continued to do to His chosen prophets and patriarchs for many centuries thereafter.

The leader of this small colony of faithful pioneers was directed to lead his followers from the city before the vengeance of God was to fall upon the builders of the Tower. These loyal people had enough confidence in God's promises that they left the doomed city before their speech was confounded and the people scattered over the earth. In the book of Genesis (11: 8) it is said of the people who were engaged in building the tower: "So the Lord scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth; and they left off to build the city."

CONFOUNDED LANGUAGE

The Jaredite historian speaks of "the time the Lord confounded the language of the people, and swore in his wrath that they should be scattered upon all the face of the earth; and according to the word of the Lord the people were scattered."—Ether 1: 33.

The Jewish historian, Josephus, has written of the widespread scattering of the people at the time of the confusion of tongues: "They were dispersed abroad on account of their language, and went out by colonies everywhere, and each took possession of the land unto which God led them. There were some, also, who passed over the sea in ships."—The Works of Josephus, p. 40.

In 1834 Josiah Priest's "American Antiquities" was published, in which it was said that the Toltecs have a tradition asserting that their ancestors came from the tower of confusion after the flood, and that they understood each other's speech. Such legends are now common.

Though perhaps unknown to Josephus, the Jaredites left the Tower of Babel and departed to America. Their leaders were inspired to construct vessels, gather supplies and capture many species of animal life which would be so necessary in this virgin land to which they would be guided.

ANOTHER COLONY

For about 1,600 years the Jaredite nation prospered in this chosen land. When wickedness abounded they broke up into warring factions whose internecine strife resulted in the extermination of this mighty nation in this land where God had covenanted to protect only the righteous. The history of the Jaredites was inscribed on twenty-four sheets of gold and deposited near the place of their final battles. From this imperishable record it found its way into the Book of Mormon.

On the eve of the annihilation of this people, the Lord saw fit to bring another colony to this land of promise to supplant those who had fallen when the wicked made war upon the wicked.

This time the scene shifted to Jerusalem; the time about 586 B.C. It was a time of trouble and peril. A crisis threatened the great city of Jerusalem because its people had become wicked and God had ceased to fight their battles. In the East another world power had arisen and the Babylonian armies were marching toward Palestine.

LEHI IS LEADER

PART II OF "A MARVELLOUS WORK AND A WONDER"

Before Nebuchadnezzar's battalions entered the region long known as "the promised land," the Lord instructed a few families to leave the stricken city, promising them that He would lead them to a promised land which was choice above all other lands.

Under the leadership of Lehi this colony of Israelites left Jerusalem on the eve of its captivity, thus escaping the hardships of war and the humiliating rigours of the captivity. The Lord was so displeased cith His people in the holy city, whose fathers He had miraculously delivered from Egyptian bondage, that He allowed the full force of the conquering cohorts to triumph over the beseiged city. The historians have written of this sad scene of captivity after thousands had fallen by the sword:

"And he carried out thence all the treasures of the house of the Lord, and the treasures of the king's house, and cut in pieces all the vessels of gold which Solomon, king of Israel, had made in the temple of the Lord, as the Lord has said.

"And he carried away all Jerusalem, and all the princes, and all the mighty men of valour, even ten thousand captives, and all the craftsmen and smiths; none remained, save the poorest sort of the people of the land."—II Kings 24: 13-14.

BUILD SHIP

It was fortunate for Lehi and his obedient followers who were far away at the time Jerusalem was captured. When

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For The Young Folk

THE BATTLE OF THE HOSTS

"MOTHER, when did wars first start?" asked Harry. "but the first I ever heard of was in Heaven." She

"That is rather a long story," replied his Mother, paused for a while and then she continued.

"You see, before you and I came to live on this earth, Harry, we lived in Heaven, with all the rest of the spirit children of God, and there we learned to do all sorts of things. In time we learned so much that we couldn't learn any more in that particular place; like you did, just before you went up into Standard Three, remember? Well, our Heavenly Father wanted us all to learn much more than that. He wanted us to learn so much that one day we could even have the chance of becoming as He was. Then a plan was made, so that we could come to earth, take up a body and meet with good and bad things, to be tested, and see what we could do when we were left o our own devices. All the children of God were told of the plan, and also that it would be necessary for someone to come down and give his life for the sins of the world. Two people offered to do this. One was Lucifer, one of he choicest of all the spirits. He offered to save all the world by forcing them to do good, so that none would be lost, but he was very proud and wanted all the honour and glory for himself. Another came forward, and said that He would teach the people of the world the right way to live, and would save all those who would be saved, but would give them the right to please themselves. This son of God was very meek and gentle, and He wanted to give all the honour and glory to His Father. Of course, God accepted the offer of the second one. Can you guess who it was?"

"I think the meek and gentle one must have been Jesus Christ," said Harry.

"Yes, and do you know who the other one was? Well, it was Satan, because when his offer was refused he got very angry and very bitter against God, and started quarrelling and arguing. He was so powerful that he drew one-third of all the hosts of Heaven to his side. After a while the bitterness and hate and envy got so bad that there was a war, which ended in Satan and his followers being cast out of Heaven. Now they are working upon the minds of men on the earth, trying to tempt them to do wrong."

"Oh, I see, said Harry, that means that when I am tempted to do something wrong, and I do it, I am working for Satan; but when I refuse to do wrong, I am working for Jesus, and helping Him in the war against sin." Which was, after all, a very sensible answer.

E. M. B.

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Little children love the Saviour,
Learn to do His Holy will,
He is whispering to you ever,
Sacred duties to fulfil.

Jesus said, "Love one another,"
And forgive each other, too,
Then as Sister or as Brother,
Let us wisdom's voice pursue.

Home Missionaries' Page

THE Home Missionaries are visiting the homes of the members in ever increasing numbers. The Good Shepherd is sending them week after week to look for the lost sheep and those who have strayed. How grateful are the members visited by these Missionaries! Here is a letter from one humble sister:

"My dear President and Elders,—I would, first of all, like to tell you how much I admire your interest on my behalf. The sole reason why I have not been able to attend our Church meetings is the distance and my health which has not been good sometimes. But I must assure you that my faith in our Church and the work that is being done by the Church is thorough and strong as ever. I have a testimony as sound as ever that this is the work of God. Two Lady Missionaries called to see me and I was pleased to meet them. I hope to begin to pay tithing in the new year. I shall endeavour to do so as things are looking brighter now. I am sorry to tell you that I have had a big domestic worry which has partly been the cause of my illness. Again thanking you for your considerate letter, I remain, Your Sister in the Gospel, ———."

Some of us have to bear a heavier Cross than others. Some have to endure greater trials and tribulations. But by comparison with the Cross that our Lord had to bear, our yoke is light and our tasks are not heavy. The school of life is necessary for our eternal progression.

The Home Missionaries have been the means of bringing into many a home new courage and faith, fresh hope and desire to persevere. To be a Missionary in this Church is an honour and a blessing. Brothers and Sisters, deny not yourselves the crown of glory and exaltation that has been promised you through your diligent and sincere service to your fellow men.

Reports from the Field:

"Have had several talks with friends who had never heard of the Latter-day Saints. Spent some time with sick in hospital."—Margaret Walker, Sunderland.

"Ten really worthwhile Gospel conversations. After thoroughly enjoying an E.N.S.A. Concert in a Services canteen, I managed to obtain admission to dressing-rooms, and held long conversations with the artistes, who listened intently, and asked a number of questions, all of which I answered to their entire satisfaction. They appeared very well impressed, and it made me feel very happy indeed."—J. L. A. Soper, Bristol.

"It is good to visit the inactive members and leave with them the word of God. We feel we are obeying the words of Christ, 'But rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel, as as ye go preach, saying, "The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand."'"—Matt. 10: 6, 7.—Gwen Johnson, South Shields.

"We visited the lady to whom we lent the 'Restoration of the Gospel.' She said she was very much impressed, and asked up to call again."—Marjorie Gregory, Batley.

"Visited an inactive Sister, who expressed the hope that we would call again soon and speak to her husband on the Gospel."—Tom Elkington, Bradford.

THE MISSION PRESIDENCY AGAIN APPEAL TO ALL DISTRICT AND BRANCH PRESIDENTS, FULL TIME AND HOME MISSIONARIES, TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT IN TRACING ALL LOST AND UNKNOWN MEMBERS AS FAR AS POSSIBLE, FOLLOWING THE SUGGESTIONS SENT, AND COMPLETE THE BRANCH ANNUAL EE REPORTS BY THE 20TH DECEMBER.

A. K. A.

L.D.S. Pen Friendship League

Under the direction of President Andre K. Anastasiou

LATTER-DAY SAINTS—YOUNG PEOPLE—GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER

WHY not make this our slogan? What do you think, young people? If you can suggest a better one we shall be glad to have it. Send it in.

When I was young, before I met and married my wife in the Church, I used to sing a song: "I little knew when first I saw your face, your heart in mine would find a dwelling place." I have sung this song with more thought and realization since my marriage. One day at a social a Canadian soldier, one of our members, insisted upon paying me for the song. He sent it to his wife in Canada. It was in the days of the old "Deseret" in London. No doubt he and his Maggie are old and grey now, with a family, perhaps, like ours, growing up.

Life's ideal, life's crowning glory, to be married in the Church under the new and everlasting covenant, is the innermost desire of every true Latter-day Saint. How wonderful to contemplate that one day we shall go through the Temple to be married for life and eternity! What promises, what blessings, what eternal reward is ours if we remain faithful and true to the covenants wherein we share the kingdom and the Glory of our Father.

Our League is growing. Every week we receive new members.

"I have seen in the 'Star' all about your Pen Friendship League. and I think it is a very good idea, especially for those in the Forces. There is no Branch of the Church where I am stationed. I would like very much to correspond with a Sister of our Church. I am interested in swimming, sailing, and sketching, also painting with colours. If there is a Sister of about my own age (I am 19½) who would like to correspond, I shall be glad."—John Cornish, c/o British Mission H.Q., 149 Nightingale Lane, London, S.W.12.

And here are Four Shy Girls, Beth. Amy, Jo and Meg. All need pen friends. Please write to them c/o 95 Beaumont Street, Sheffield 2:

Beth: Very active Church worker; has good sense of humour and loves dancing, music and shows. Would appreciate pen friend.

Amy: Thinks the League will bring the youth closer together and help one another in their future lives; enjoys dancing and shows; her Gospel is everything to her.

Jo says: "Many hours can be brightened by a letter." She would enjoy hearing from anyone who cares to write her; loves poetry and likes fun; her testimony is very strong.

Meg says: "The youth of Zion will never falter if a bond of unity always exists." This can be attained by getting acquainted. Would be pleased to write to anyone and exchange ideas; loves music. dancing and good books; has a very good sense of humour.

VOICES FROM THE DUST

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they came to the ocean they built a ship and were brought to the American continent.

Back in Jerusalem the victorious Babylonians had placed the young Jewish king, Zedekiah, upon the throne, agreeing to maintain peaceful relations with their subjects in Palestine so long as they were loyal to the victors. After a decade the haughty Jews rebelled against their masters from the East and sought to gain their independence.

FAMISH FOR BREAD

Again the armies of Nebuchadnezzar were at the closed gates of Jerusalem. The inmates of the doomed city, unprepared for a long siege, were soon famishing for food. The royal family, under cover of darkness, fled from the city, escaping through a gate by the king's garden. Their escape was soon discovered and the angry soldiers from Babylon were upon their trail.

On the plains of Jericho the king and his royal party were overtaken. His armed force was scattered, perhaps deserting him as he had deserted Jehovah. With but little resistance he was overpowered and taken before the king of Babylon, who gave judgment upon him: "And they slew the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, and put out the eyes of Zedekiah, and bound him with fetters of brass and carried him to Babylon."—II Kings 25: 7.

Yet, unknown to the historians whose narrations are preserved in the Bible, there was one son of King Zedekiah who did not perish near the plains of Jericho, for the Lord had chosen him to lead a small group of His people away from the ill-fated city. This man's name was Mulek, and he brought to the American continent the third colony from the old world whose history is recorded in the Book of Mormon.

These Mulekites were Jews, and long after they had founded a thriving commonwealth they united with the Nephites who had left Jerusalem just eleven years before their exodus from the holy city.

ESCAPE DESTRUCTION

These three favoured colonies, like the leaven hid in "three measures of meal 'til the whole was leavened" (Matt. 13: 33), escaped from a place of destruction and panic just before the calamity fell. Soon after the Mulekites left Jerusalem the house of the Lord was burned, we read, "and the king's house, and all the houses of Jerusalem, and every great man's house burnt he with fire . . . and broke down the walls of Jerusalem round about. . . . And the pillars of brass that were in the house of the Lord, and the bases and the brazen sea that was in the house of the Lord, did the Chaldees break in pieces, and

carried the brass of them to Babylon."—II Kings 25: 9-13.

These three groups of pioneers escaped a wretched desolation and destruction which was visited upon the people because of wickedness, yet their descendants suffered a similar destruction in this choice land of promise, because they, too, forgot the God who had led their fathers from Egypt and finally to the choice land now known as America.

As the Jaredites had been annihilated when the wicked made war upon the wicked, so did the Nephites fall before their dark and powerful foe, the Lamanites, who had been cursed with a sin or darkness because of their sins. About four centuries after the birth of Christ the Lamanites triumphed over the Nephites and exterminated them. The victors were the ancestors of the American Indians.

(To be continued)

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DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

Leeds

The members of the Leeds Branch enjoyed a Reunion on Saturday, 29th November, at 5 King Charles Street. Branch President Fred Laycock loaned his radiogram for the dancing, and provided refreshments for all. Good rousing games were introduced and a splendid spirit of unity and enthusiasm was enjoyed by the 34 members and friends present.

London

A special Priesthood meeting convened in the South London Chapel on Saturday, 29th November, and was conducted by Elder A. Willmott of the District Presidency. President A. K. Anastasiou and Elder James R. Cunningham were present. Elder Melvin W. Dunn spoke on "Duties and Responsibilities of the Priesthood," Elder A. John Willmott spoke upon "Fitness to Hold the Priesthood," and President Anastasiou spoke upon "Authority Necessary to Preach the Gospel." Total attendance, 17.

Manchester

A Primary Contest was held in the Bury Branch Hall on Sunday, November 23rd, between the Rochdale and Bury Primaries.. Bury Branch staged a programme, "The Open Door," wherein Sister M. Soper, Primary Mother, sang a solo, and a tableau was presented, with each child carrying a text. Rochdale opened their section by a few remarks from Sister Hazel Woodhead, Primary Mother, followed by selections by members of the Primary. Both groups then took part in a play called "Judy Sees Herself," after which several more items were presented. District President Albert Woodruff was in attendance, and concluded with a spirited talk, suitable to the occasion. Forty-five members and friends were present.

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. . . AND FINALLY A LITTLE HUMOUR

A lady was one day leading two dachshunds along a well-known London thoroughfare. As she passed two little street arabs the following conversation could be heard:

"I say, Bill, what sort of dawgs are them?"

"What, them," answered Bill, "doncher know what them are? Them's foxhounds—with their legs worn down a-running after bicycles."

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